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IN RE: PETITION FOR SPECIAL EXCEPTION

AND VARIANCE. NWC Reisterstown

Road and Slade Avenue 600 Reisterstown Road 3rd Election District

2nd Councilmanic District

Pikesville Plaza Bldg., Legal

Owner

AT&T Wireless Services, Inc. Lessee Petitioners *

* BEFORE THE

ZONING COMMISSIONER

* OF BALTIMORE COUNTY

Case No. 97-215-XA

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FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

This matter comes before the Zoning Commissioner on Petitions seeking relief in the alternative. Specifically, a Petition for Special Exception has been filed, seeking approval for a wireless transmitting and receiving facility, pursuant to Section 230.13 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (BCZR), and to amend the prior zoning plans and Orders as is necessary. Also requested is a Petition for Variance, to permit a setback of 75 ft. from an R.O. zone for a roof mounted wireless transmitting and receiving facility in lieu of the required 200 ft. The subject Petitions are filed by Pikesville Plaza Building Company, property owner and AT&T Wireless Services, Inc., Lessee. The subject property and requested relief are more particularly shown on Petitioners' Exhibit No. 1, the plat to accompany the Petitions for Special Exception and Variance.

Appearing at the public hearing held for this case was John M. Andrews, Jr., Agent, on behalf of AT&T Wireless Services, Inc. The Petitioner was represented by J. Joseph Curran III, Esquire. There were no Protestants or other interested persons present.

The subject property is located on the northwest corner of the intersection of Reisterstown Road and Milford Mill Road. The property is .93 acres in area, zoned B.L.-C.S.1. The property is improved with a retail/office complex, known as the Pikesville Plaza. The existing building on the site is 7 stories in height.

The co-Petitioner, AT&T Wireless Services, Inc., proposes to install a wireless transmitting receiving facility on the roof of the building. The Zoning Commissioner is familiar with the proposed equipment to be installed by virtue of numerous similar cases which have been considered. As is well known, AT&T Wireless Services, Inc., is in the business of providing mobile and wireless communication. The company provides car phone, mobile phone and wireless fax and information transmission services to the public. As is the case with many of the providers of this service (e.g., Cellular One, Bell Atlantic, etc.) the Petitioner is installing a communications network in Baltimore County. The subject location will serve as another link in that network.

As shown on the site plan, the Petitioner will install nine panel antennas on the roof of the building. Also, a small 12 x 20 ft. pad will be installed to house radio equipment cabinets atop the building. The facility will be unmanned and will provide communication coverage throughout the Pikesville area.

It is to be noted that similar antennas are already on site. As noted on the plan, variance relief was granted in case No. 95-296-A to permit antennas and related equipment for a competing carrier.

It is clear that the proposed use is altogether appropriate and proper at this locale. In this regard, there is no evidence that the installation of the equipment will be detrimental to the health, safety or general welfare of the locale. The sole question is a technical one, whether the Petitioner needs variance relief, special exception relief, or both in order to proceed with its plans.

In this regard, it is of note that Section 426 of the BCZR regulates wireless transmitting and receiving facilities. Section 426.2 of the BCZR allows such facilities as of right in business zones, including the BL-CS-J

classification at the subject property. However, Section 426.1.B provides a minimum setback from any boundary of a residential or R.O. zone of 200 ft. In this case, a 75 ft. setback can be maintained. Section 230.13 of the BCZR identifies special exceptions in the B.L. zone. Specifically included are wireless transmitting and receiving facilities not permitted by Section 426.

In my judgment, the proper relief here would fall under the Petition for Special Exception. The language in Section 230.13 is persuasive that special exception relief is required if the Petitioner cannot act, by right, under the provisions of Section 426.1. Since the Petitioner cannot comply with the setback regulations mandated in Section 426 of the BCZR, the facility is not permitted by right and must be approved only by special exception. Thus, I will grant the Petition for Special Exception and dismiss the Petition for Variance as moot.

Pursuant to the advertisement, posting of the property, and public hearing on this Petition held, and for the reasons given above, the relief requested should be granted.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED by the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County this day of December, 1996 that, pursuant to the Petition for Special Exception, approval to allow a wireless transmitting and receiving facility from Section 230.13 of the BCZR, be and is hereby GRANTED; and,

TT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a variance to permit a setback of 75 ft. from an R.O. zone for a roof mounted wireless transmitting and receiving facility, in lieu of the required 200 ft., be and is hereby DISMISSED AS MOOT, subject, however, to the following restriction:

1. The Petitioners are hereby made aware that proceeding at this time is at its own risk until such time as the 30 day appellate process from this Order has expired. If, for whatever reason, this Order is reversed, the Petitioners would be required to return, and be responsible for

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returning, said property to its original condition.

DAWRENCE E. SCHMIDT

Zoning Commissioner for

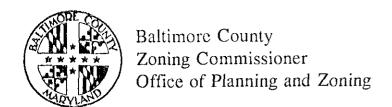
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Suite 112, Courthouse 400 Washington Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204 (410) 887-4386

December 18, 1996

J. Joseph Curran III, Esquire 600 Mercantile Bank and Trust Building Two Hopkins Plaza Baltimore, Maryland 21201

> RE: Petitions for Special Exception and Variance Case No. 97-215-XA Property: 600 Reisterstown Road

Dear Mr. Curran:

Enclosed please find the decision rendered in the above captioned case. The Petitions for Special Exception has been granted, and the Petition for Variance has been dismissed as moot, in accordance with the attached Order.

In the event the decision rendered is unfavorable to any party, please be advised that any party may file an appeal within thirty (30) days of the date of the Order to the County Board of Appeals. If you require additional information concerning filing an appeal, please feel free to contact our Appeals Clerk at 887-3353.

Very truly yours

Lawrence E. Schmidt Zoning Commissioner

LES:mmn att.

C: Mr. John M. Andrews, Jr., Agent AT&T Wireless Services, Inc. Broadcast Tower Sites 4340 East West Highway Bethesda, Maryland 20814



Petition for Special Exception

to the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County

for the property located at

600 Reisterstown Road, Pikesville

which is presently zoned

BL-CS-1

This Petition shall be filed with the Department of Permits & Development Management

The undersigned, legal owner(s) of the property situate in Baltimore County and which is described in the description and plat attached hereto and made a part hereof, hereby petition for a Special Exception under the Zoning Regulations of Baltimore County, to use the herein described property for

A Wireless Transmitting and Receiving Facility pursuant to 230.13 in the alternative, the undersigned seek a variance. And to amound the price 2000 place of orders as wecessary.

Property is to be posted and advertised as prescribed by Zoning Regulations.

I, or we, agree to pay expenses of above Special Exception advertising, posting, etc., upon filling of this petition, and further agree to and are to be bound by the zoning regulations and restrictions of Baltimore County adopted pursuant to the Zoning Law for Baltimore County.

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Contract Purchaser/Lessee: AT&T Wireless Services. Inc.

legal owner(s) of the property which is the subject of this Petition.
Pikesville Plaza Building Co. by: Deborah S. Torre, Agent; Property Manager
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Deborah S. Torre, Agent (Type or Print Name)
Signature Pikesville Plaza Building Co. c/o Holabird Management Company
Address Phone No 6610 Holabird Avenue Baltimore, Maryland 21224 633-2262
Name, Address and phone number of representative to be contacted. John M. Andrews, Jr. Broadcast Tower Sites
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for the property located at 600 Reisterstown Road, Pikesville

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This Petition shall be filed with the Office of Zoning Administration & Development Management.

The undersigned, legal owner(s) of the property situate in Baltimore County and which is described in the description and plat attached hereto and made a part hereof, hereby petition for a Variance from Section(s)

To permit a setback of seventy five (75) feet from an R-O zone for a roof mounted wireless transmitting and receiving facility in lieu of the required of the 20 ping Regulations of Baltimore County, to the Zoning Law of Baltimore County; for the following reasons: (indicate hardship or

To be presented at the hearing.

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Silver Spring, Maryland 20910	Signature
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Description

To Accompany Petition for Special Exception

0.93 Acre Parcel

Pikesville Plaza Building Company Property Southwest Side of Reisterstown Road, Northwest of Slade Avenue Second Election District, Baltimore County, Maryland



Daft:MCune:Walker, Inc.

200 Fast Pennsylvanıa Avenue Towson, Maryland 21286 410 296 3333 Fax 296 4705

A Team of Land Planners, Landscape Archnects, Engineers, Surveyors & Environmental Professionals

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THIS DESCRIPTION HAS BEEN PREPARED FOR ZONING PURPOSES ONLY AND IS NOT INTENDED TO BE USED FOR CONVEYANCE.

November 1, 1996

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LAWRENCE E. SCHNIDT Zoning Commissioner for Battimore County

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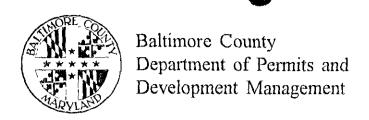
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Development Processing County Office Building 111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

ZONING HEARING ADVERTISING AND POSTING REQUIREMENTS & PROCEDURES

Baltimore County zoning regulations require that notice be given to the general public/neighboring property owners relative to property which is the subject of an upcoming zoning hearing. For those petitions which require a public hearing, this notice is accomplished by posting a sign on the property (responsibility of which, lies with the petitioner/applicant) and placement of a notice in at least one newspaper of general circulation in the County.

This office will ensure that the legal requirements for advertising are satisfied. However, the petitioner is responsible for the costs associated with this requirement.

Billing for legal advertising, due upon receipt, will come from and should be remitted directly to the newspaper.

NON-PAYMENT OF ADVERTISING FEES WILL STAY ISSUANCE OF ZONING ORDER.

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Item # 215

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or

Room 118, Old Courthouse, 400 Washington Avenue, Towson, Maryland 21204 as follows:

CASE NUMBER: 97-215-XA (Item 215)

600 Reisterstown Road

NWC Reisterstown Road and Slade Avenue 3rd Election District - 2nd Councilmanic Legal Owner(s): Pikesville Plaza Building Company Contract Purchaser: ATET Wireless Services, Inc.

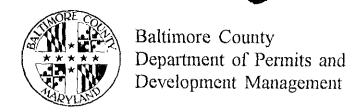
Special Exception for a wireless transmitting and receiving facility; in the alternative, a variance; and to amend the prior zoning plans and orders as necessary.

Variance to permit a setback of 75 feet from an R-O zone for a roof mounted wireless transmitting and receiving facility in lieu of the required 200 feet.

HEARING: TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1996 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 118, Old Courthouse.

LAWRENCE E. SCHMIDT ZONING COMMISSIONER FOR BALTIMORE COUNTY

- NOTES: (1) HEARINGS ARE HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE; FOR SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS PLEASE CALL 887-3353.
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Development Processing County Office Building 111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

November 21, 1996

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600 Reisterstown Road

NWC Reisterstown Road and Slade Avenue

3rd Election District - 2nd Councilmanic

Legal Owner(s): Pikesville Plaza Building Company Contract Purchaser: AT&T Wireless Services, Inc.

Special Exception for a wireless transmitting and receiving facility; in the alternative, a variance; and to amend the prior zoning plans and orders as necessary.

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Arnold Jablon Director

CC:

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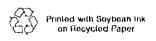
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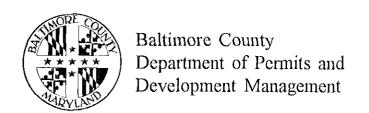
John M. Andrews, Jr./Broadcast Tower Sites

NOTES: (1) YOU MUST HAVE THE ZONING NOTICE SIGN POSTED ON THE PROPERTY BY DECEMBER 2, 1996.

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Development Processing County Office Building 111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

December 10, 1996

S. Leonard Rottman, Esquire Adelberg, Rudow, Dorf, Hendler & Sameth 600 Mercantile Bank & Trust Building Two Hopkins Plaza Baltimore, MD 21201

RE: Item No.: 215

Case No.: 97-215-A

Petitioner: Deborah S. Torre, Agent

Dear Mr. Rottman:

The Zoning Advisory Committee (ZAC), which consists of representatives from Baltimore County approval agencies, has reviewed the plans submitted with the above referenced petition, which was accepted for processing by Permits and Development Management (PDM), Zoning Review, on November 14, 1996.

Any comments submitted thus far from the members of ZAC that offer or request information on your petition are attached. These comments are not intended to indicate the appropriateness of the zoning action requested, but to assure that all parties (zoning commissioner, attorney, petitioner, etc.) are made aware of plans or problems with regard to the proposed improvements that may have a bearing on this case. Only those comments that are informative will be forwarded to you; those that are not informative will be placed in the permanent case file.

If you need further information or have any questions regarding these comments, please do not hesitate to contact the commenting agency or Roslyn Eubanks in the zoning office (887-3391).

Sincerely, W. Cont Richard St.

W. Carl Richards, Jr. Zoning Supervisor

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Attachment(s)

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The Office of Planning has no comments on the following petition(s):

Item Nos. 201, 205, 213, 214, (215,)216, and 217

If there should be any further questions or if this office can provide additional information, please contact Jeffrey Long in the Office of Planning at 887-3495.

Prepared by:

Division Chief:

PK/JL

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

DATE:

November 21, 1996

TO:

Arnold Jablon, Director

Permits and Development

Management

FROM:

Pat Keller, Director

Office of Planning

SUBJECT:

Petitions from Zoning Advisory Committee

The Office of Planning has no comments on the following petition(s):

Item Nos. 201, 205, 213, 214, 215, 216, and 217

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David L. Winstead Secretary Parker F. Williams Administrator

Ms. Roslyn Eubanks Baltimore County Office of Permits and Development Management County Office Building, Room 109 Towson, Maryland 21204 RE: Baltimore County 11・2・・9~ Item No. 215 (」しょ)

Dear Ms. Eubanks:

We have reviewed the referenced item and we have no objection to approval, as a field inspection reveals the existing entrance(s) onto MD/US are acceptable to the State Highway Administration (SHA) and this development is not affected by any SHA projects.

Please contact Larry Gredlein at 410-545-5606 if you have any questions. Thank you for the opportunity to review this item.

Very truly yours,

or Ronald Burns, Chief

Engineering Access Permits

Division

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My telephone number is _____

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Baltimore County Government Fire Department



700 East Joppa Road Towson, MD 21286-5500 Office of the Fire Marshal (410) 887-4880

DATE: 11/26/96

Arnold Jablon
Director
Zoning Administration and
Development Management
Baltimore County Office Building
Towson, MD 21204
MAIL STOP-1105

RE: Property Owner: SEE BELOW

Location: DISTRIBUTION MEETING OF NOV. 25. 1996.

Item No.: SEE BELOW Zoning Agenda:

Gentlemen:

Pursuant to your request, the referenced property has been surveyed by this Bureau and the comments below are applicable and required to be corrected or incorporated into the final plans for the property.

8. The Fire Marshal's Office has no comments at this time, IN REFERENCE TO THE FOLLOWING ITEM NUMBERS:213,214,215,216,217, 218 and 219.

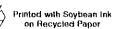


REVIEWER: LT. ROBERT P. SAUERWALD

Fire Marshal Office, PHONE 887-4881, MS-1102F

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BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO:

PDM

DATE: 1100.26.96

FROM:

R. Bruce Seeley

Permits and Development Review

DEPRM

SUBJECT:

Zoning Advisory Committee
Meeting Date: 100.25,96

The Department of Environmental Protection & Resource Management has no comments for the following Zoning Advisory Committee Items:

Item #'s:

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BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO:

Arnold Jablon, Director

Date: December 5, 1996

Department of Permits & Development

Management

Robert W. Bowling, Chief Development Plans Review Division

SUBJECT:

Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting for December 2, 1996
Item Nos. 212, 213, 214, 215, 216,

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The Development Plans Review Division has reviewed the subject zoning item, and we have no comments.

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IN RE:

PETITION FOR ZONING VARIANCE SW/S Reisterstown Rd. & NW/S

of Slade Avenue 600 Reisterstown Rod 3rd Election District 2nd Councilmanic District

Frank Scarfield Sr., et al

Petitioners

* BEFORE THE

* ZONING COMMISSIONER

* OF BALTIMORE COUNTY

* Case No. 95-296-A

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

This matter comes before the Zoning Commissioner as a Petition for Zoning Variance for the property located at 600 Reisterstown Road in the Pikesville area of Baltimore County. The Petition is filed by Frank Scarfield, Sr., on behalf of Pikesville Plaza Building Company, property owner, and Margaret C. Ruggieri, Esquire on behalf of American PCS, L.P., (hereinafter known as APC) Lessee. Variance relief is requested from Section 426.1.B of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (BCZR) to permit a setback of 95 ft. from an R.O. zone for a roof mounted wireless transmitting and receiving facility in lieu of the required 200 ft. The subject property and requested relief are more particularly shown on Petitioners' Exhibit No. 1, the site plan.

This matter came in for public hearing with a companion case, case No. 95-298X. As was the situation in that matter, the subject Petition involves a wireless transmitting facility for the business known as APC. APC is a new entrant in the field of cellular communications in the Baltimore Metropolitan area. The company specializes in communications of all types, not just wireless telephone, and includes fax transmission and similar information systems.

The Petitioners propose installing 6 panel antennas to the existing penthouse structure on top of the Pikesville Plaza Office Building. The office building is located on Reisterstown Road near that road's intersec-

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tion with Milford Mill Road and Slade Avenue in Pikesville. In addition to the installation of the panel antennas, the Petitioners will also install two equipment cabinets to serve the antennas.

Appearing at the requisite public hearing held for this case was Christine K. McSherry, Esquire who represented the Petitioners. Appearing on behalf of APC was Margaret C. Ruggieri, Esquire. A number of other expert witnesses appeared and were prepared to present testimony on behalf of the Petition. There were no Protestants or other interested persons present.

The uncontradicted proffered testimony presented was that the proposed panel antennas are necessary to complete the cell system for the Pikesville area. As is well known to this Zoning Commissioner, the cellular communication industry relies on a series of interlocking grids and cells to provide uninterrupted communications to its customers. Cells are comprised of a given geographic area and it is necessary to install antennas and related equipment to serve a particular cell. Testimony on behalf of the Petitioners was that the subject antennas were necessary at the subject property to serve the Pikesville area. The subject building was proposed for installation of the antennas because of its height and location within the cell.

The Zoning Commissioner's consideration of a zoning variance is governed by Section 307 of the BCZR. Therein, it is provided that the Petitioners must establish that a practical difficulty would be suffered if the requested relief were denied. Moreover, the Petitioners must show that the grant of the variance is consistent with the spirit and intent of the BCZR and will not detrimentally affect the surrounding locale.

As to the practical difficulty test, the Petitioners' proffered testimony was that its business requires the installation of the described anten-

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nas within the Pikesville area in order to accomplish the mission mandated by the FCC and provide the required levels of service. It was noted that there are few, if any, locations within the Pikesville area in which the 200 ft. setback could be maintained. Moreover, the subject building is one of the few high rise buildings in the vicinity. The Petitioners argued that the installation of the antennas to the building is much less obtrusive to the community than the construction of a tower. Thus, the Petitioners believe that they would suffer practical difficulty if the subject site could not be utilized for their wireless communication antennas.

The Petitioners further argue that a grant of the relief is consistent with the BCZR. The BCZR does, indeed, provide that construction of wireless transmission equipment towers is to be discouraged when high rise buildings are available. Thus, it is clear that the proposed Petition and use of the subject building is preferable and entirely consistent with the BCZR.

As to the potential effect on the surrounding locale, the uncontradicted testimony of the Petitioners' experts was that a grant of the variance will not adversely affect the community. The testimony proffered was that the proposed use does not adversely affect other forms of communication nor present any health hazard to the community.

Based upon the testimony and evidence offered, all of which was uncontradicted, I am persuaded that the Petitioners have satisfied its burden at law. Thus, the Petition for Variance should and must be granted.

Pursuant to the advertisement, posting of the property, and public hearing on this Petition held, and for the reasons given above, the relief requested should be granted.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED by the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore Country this 30 day of March, 1995 that a variance from Section 426.1.B of

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the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (BCZR) to permit a setback of 95 ft. from an R.O. zone for a roof mounted wireless transmitting and receiving facility, in lieu of the required 200 ft., be and is hereby GRANTED, subject, however, to the following restriction which are conditions precedent to the relief granted:

1. The Petitioners are hereby made aware that proceeding at this time is at its own risk until such time as the 30 day appellate process from this Order has expired. If, for whatever reason, this Order is reversed, the Petitioners would be required to return, and be responsible for returning, said property to its original condition.

LAWRENCE E. SCHMIDT Zoning Commissioner for

Baltimore County

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BEFORE THE PETITION FOR SPECIAL EXCEPTION RE:

PETITION FOR VARIANCE

600 Reisterstown Road, NWC Reisterstown ZONING COMMISSIONER

Road and Slade Avenue

3rd Election District, 2nd Councilmanic OF BALTIMORE COUNTY

Legal Owner(s): Pikesville Plaza Building Co.

CASE NO. 97-215-XA

Contract Purchaser: AT&T Wireless Services, Inc.

Petitioners

ENTRY OF APPEARANCE

Please enter the appearance of the People's Counsel in the abovecaptioned matter. Notice should be sent of any hearing dates or other proceedings in this matter and of the passage of any preliminary or final Order.

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day of December, 1996, a copy I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this of the foregoing Entry of Appearance was mailed to S. Leonard Rottman, Esq., Adelberg, Rudow, Dorf, 2 Hopkins Plaza, Suite 600, Baltimore, MD 21201, attorney for Petitioners.

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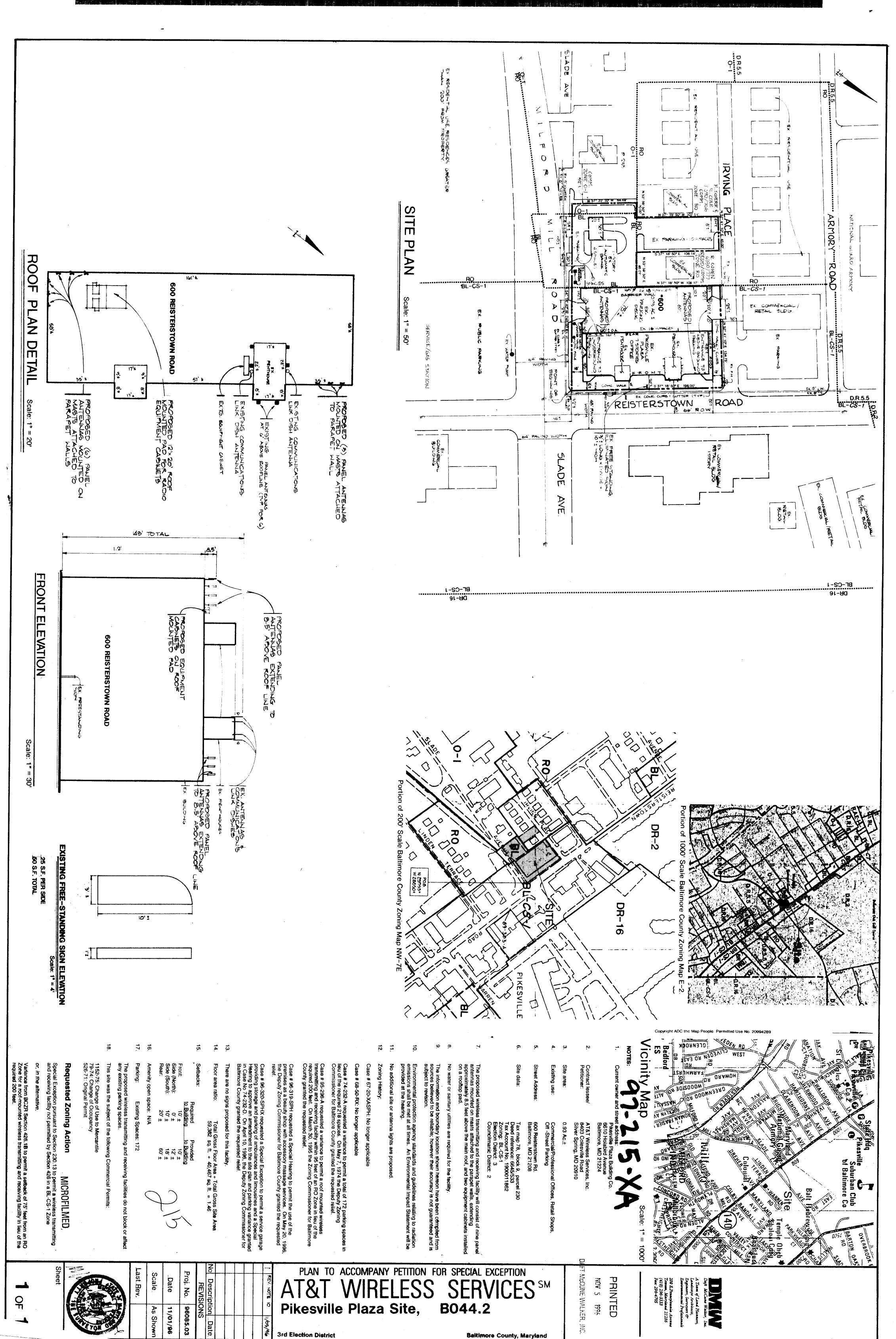
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